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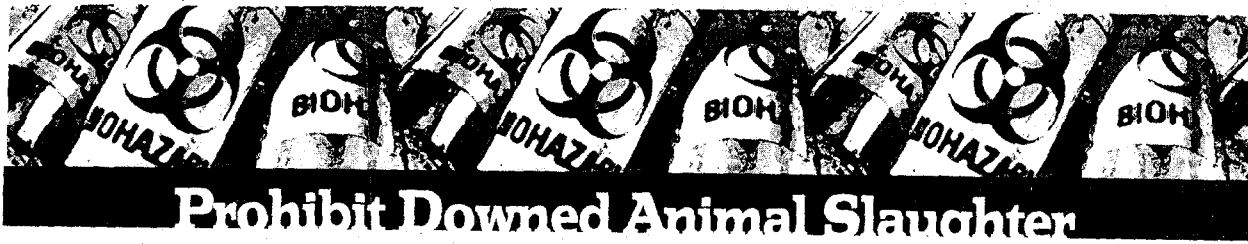
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Please take note because many of us do. We know you can reconsider and really make a difference which you can feel great about!



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**A 2000 announcement** by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that it would stop buying meat from downed cows reflects the growing consensus — even among livestock industry and government officials — that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable.

"Downed" refers to animals too sick or injured even to stand.

The Farm Sanctuary has petitioned the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Downed animals arriving at a slaughterhouse suffer terrible cruelty. There are also health risks to humans. In addition to possible bacterial contamination, some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or

"Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).

**You can help.** Please write the FDA and urge it to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. In your letter, in addition to the human health dangers mention the following:

- Animals too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.
- Downed animals are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains — inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.
- Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals

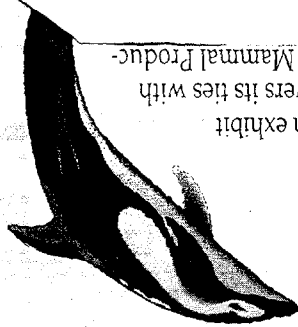
slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

- Industry experts have estimated that 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

**You must refer to docket number 98P-0151/CP1 in your letter.** You must send your original letter and three copies to the FDA.

**Contact:**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Dockets Management Branch; 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061; Rockville, MD 20852; fax 301-827-6870; email "fdadockets@oc.fda.gov".



## Get Dolphins Out of Oklahoma

dolphin exhibit and severs its ties with Marine Mammal Produc-

mal displays do not teach the public anything about the natural behavior of the animals. Tell the Mayor of Oklahoma

**In the past eleven years, six dolphins have died at the Oklahoma City Zoo's Aquaticus exhibit. Four of these dolphins, including a 5-month-old calf, died within the last two years. So high a death rate in so short a time shows that the Zoo is incapable of providing**

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